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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. JONES].

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 30, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable WALTER B. JONES, Jr., to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of May 12, 1995, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 25 minutes, and each Member except the majority and minority leader limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 9:50 a.m.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House stands in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. JONES] at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Sylvester Shannon, Siloam Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, NY, offered the following prayer:

I met God in the morning when my day was at its best
All day long God's presence lingered bringing glory to my breast
If you meet God in the morning God will go with you through the day
And his presence, just like sunshine, will shed light upon your way,

Let us pray:

Lord of our inner life, where choices are made, help us to guard the citadel which Thou has put in our souls. Keep us from making foolish choices which lead us to less than our best. Remind us that we are leaders in a Nation which counts on us for right thinking and right actions.

O gracious Redeemer, mighty and holy God, guide us, teach us, lead us, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announced to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes from each side.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND SYLVESTER SHANNON

(Mr. TOWNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the esteemed Reverend Doctor Sylvester Lorenzo Shannon, our guest Chaplain, the pastor of the Siloam Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, NY. He is a graduate of the Florida A&M University, where he received both a B.A. and a B.S. degree.

Reverend Shannon earned a master's degree in divinity from Duke University, a master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Colorado, a doctor of philosophy degree in human relations and speech communications from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Shannon is married to Doris Brooks Shannon, and has three grown children and three grandchildren. His friends refer to him as a man of action. They say that he is a tremendous coalition builder. But it should be noted for my colleagues here in the House of Representatives that Dr. Shannon made a decision a long time ago not to give the Devil a ride. He knew if he gave the Devil a ride, the Devil would want to drive.

Mr. Speaker, we are delighted today to have as our guest minister Dr. Sylvester Lorenzo Shannon, pastor of the Siloam Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, NY. Welcome.

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